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1. Proskau/Wald near Opole (Oppeln)

a. At the end of 1945, a parking area and repair shops for war material of all types was set up in Proskau/Wald. Most of the repair work is, however, done on tanks and trucks; the material in question is exclusively of German make.

b. The work is supervised by a Russian and a Polish First Lieutenant. The overhauling and repair work on tanks and trucks is done by German prisoners of war; the workers number about 2000 to 3,000 men. The work is assigned by German officers. The overhauled tanks and trucks are tested by Russian armored troops. Up to now, 600 trucks of a capacity of over three tons, 400 Panther tanks and 176 caterpillar tractors have been overhauled and repaired; however, none of these vehicles have been shipped off up to now. About three months ago, preparatory work was started on tank and radio installations. The Russian personnel, including armored units, numbers 1500 men. The relationship between Poles, Russians and Germans can be termed as good and sincere.

2. Bydgoszcz (Bromberg) area. For the past several months, work has been going on in the woods southwest of Bydgoszcz, namely between the roads Pilz (Schneidemuhl)/Bromberg and Poznan, where underground fuel tank installations are being built. They are intended to service the armored troops which have been stationed in this area for the past year. These troops are equipped with 130 to 150 Stalin tanks. It can be surmised from the amount of clearing work being done in nearby woods and from the number of tanks proceeding toward this area that extensive training is being given.

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